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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. SAHARA: MARCHERS MARK TIME WHILE CHIEFS,DELIBERATE

WHILE SPANISH AUTHORITIES REITERATED THEIR POLICY TO USE FORCE IF NECESSARY TO STOP THE "GREEN MARCHERS" FROM MOVING AGAINST SPANISH DEFENSE LINES, MOROCCAN COOPERATION MINISTER BENHIMA TOLD AMBASSADOR NEUMANN THAT THE MARCH WAS BEING HELD UP FOR 24 HOURS TO PERMIT BILATERAL DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS BETWEEN SPAIN AND MOROCCO TO GO FORWARD. BENHIMA ADDED THAT:

--IN CLOSING ITS BORDER WITH MOROCCO, ALGERIA HAS TAKEN A POSITION FROM WHICH "IT CANNOT RETREAT" AND HAS PRECLUDED ITS PARTICIPATION IN A FINAL SETTLEMENT.

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--THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE UN ROLE IS TO PROVIDE AN UM-
BRELLA AFTER SPAIN AND MOROCCO COME TO TERMS.

--HASSAN AND JUAN CARLOS REMAIN IN CLOSE CONTACT,
BUT SPAIN HAS RULED OUT MEDIATION BY THIRD PARTIES.

EMBASSY RABAT COMMENT: THE MOROCCAN AND SPANISH POSITIONS MAY BE COMING A BIT CLOSER TOGETHER, INASMUCH AS BENHIMA DID NOT TOTALLY DISMISS THE IDEA OF A UN FORMULA. THE KING APPEARS TO BE USING THE TOUGH ALGERIAN STAND TO HIS ADVANTAGE IN HIS EFFORTS TO EXCLUDE ALGERIA FROM THE FINAL SETTLEMENT. (CONFIDENTIAL) MADRID 7791 AND (SECRET) RABAT 5404 (EXDIS), 11/7.)

2. AGREEMENT REACHED ON ANGOLAN CEASEFIRE?

EMBASSY LISBON REPORTS A LISBON RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE THREE LIBERATION ORGANIZATIONS, MEETING IN KAMPALA, HAVE AGREED ON A PACT CALLING FOR A CEASEFIRE, A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY, AND DEMILITA-
RIZATION OF LUANDA. THEY ARE NOW SEEKING APPROVAL BY THEIR LEADERS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE) LISBON 6622, 11/7.)

3. INDIA SEES NO NEED TO ACT AGAINST BANGLADESH...YET

WITH MAJOR GENERAL ZIAUR RAHMAN NOW IN EFFECTIVE CHARGE, EMBASSY DACCA FORESEES NO MARKED CHANGE IN FOREIGN OR DOMESTIC POLICY. IT COMMENTS THAT, WHATEVER ZIA'S TRUE ATTITUDES MAY BE, THE CROWDS CHEERING HIM BELIEVE HE IS ANTI-INDIAN AND ANTI-SOVIET.

MEANWHILE, AN OUTSPOKEN INDIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL REPEATED WARNINGS THAT BANGLADESH IMMODERATION COULD TRIGGER A GREATER REACTION THAN THE PRESENT INDIAN "REGRET, CONCERN, AND GRIEF." HE IMPLIED THE GOI CANNOT LIVE INDEFINITELY WITH THE BANGLADESH LEADERSHIP. (CON-
FIDENTIAL) DACCA 5402 AND (SECRET) NEW DELHI 14838 (EXDIS), 11/7.)

4. BRITISH PONDER SECRETARY'S SUGGESTIONS ON BELIZE
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A BRITISH FCO OFFICIAL TOLD EMBASSY LONDON THAT, WHILE CALLAGHAN FOUND THE SECRETARY'S CONCERN USEFUL AND REAS-
SURING, THE FOREIGN SECRETARY WOULD ONLY REPLY FORMALLY AFTER CONSIDERING CAREFULLY AN OPTIONS PAPER PRESENTLY UNDER DISCUSSION. WHEN PRESSED FOR HIS PERSONAL VIEWS, THE OFFICIAL ADDED:
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--THE BRITISH WOULD BE WILLING TO DISCUSS WITH GUA-
TEMALA SUCH ISSUES AS SECURITY GUARANTEES AND PORT
ACCESS AFTER THE PASSAGE OF THEIR UN RESOLUTION.

--IF THE UK WERE TO FORCE BELIZEAN PREMIER PRICE
INTO MAKING CONCESSIONS TO GUATEMALA AT THIS STAGE,
"THERE WOULD BE RIOTS IN BELIZE" WHICH WOULD COST
PRICE HIS POLITICAL LIFE.

--AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF INTENTIONS TO DISCUSS ICJ IN-
TERCESSION WOULD BE POSSIBLE AFTER THE UN VOTE.

--THE UK EXPECTS THE US TO ABSTAIN ON BOTH UN RESO-
LUTIONS AND, ALTHOUGH HMG CANNOT GO BACK ON ITS
EARLIER AGREEMENT, IT WOULD WELCOME US LOBBYING TO
AMEND THE RESOLUTION.

EMBASSY GUATEMALA STRONGLY OBJECTS TO ANY US ATTEMPT TO
NEGOTIATE AMENDMENTS TO THE UK RESOLUTION, ARGUING THAT
WE WOULD COMPROMISE OUR FUTURE ABILITY TO WORK EVENHAND-
EDLY WITH BOTH SIDES IN ANY FORTHCOMING NEGOTIATIONS BY
APPEARING TO SUPPORT THE RESOLUTION. (SECRET) LONDON
17159 (EXDIS) AND (SECRET) GUATEMALA 6235 (EXDIS), 11/7.)

5. CHINA WARNS US AGAINST A RETURN TO "CHAMBERLAINISM"

IN A BLUNT AND AUTHORITATIVE PRC REACTION TO SECRETARY
SCHLESINGER'S DISMISSAL, A NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY OFFICIAL
IN HONG KONG TOLD OUR ARMY LIAISON OFFICER:

--SECRETARY SCHLESINGER'S REMOVAL CONCERNS THE CHI-
NESE BECAUSE THEY LIKED HIM AND APPROVED OF HIS POL-
ICIES.

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--THEY FEAR THIS MAY PORTEND A POLICY OF APPEASEMENT
TOWARD RUSSIA, A POTENTIALLY DISASTROUS COURSE ABOUT
WHICH FOREIGN MINISTER CHAO WARNED SECRETARY KISSIN-
GER IN PEKING.

--CHINA ALSO FEARS THE SHAKEUP MAIN THE US POLICY TOWARD CHINA, COMIN
G AS IT DOES
JUST BEFORE THE PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO CHINA.

CONSULATE COMMENT: WHILE THE SUBSTANCE IS NOT NEW, THE
CHINESE WENT OUT OF THEIR WAY TO SIGNAL THEIR DISPLEASURE.
(SECRET) HONG KONG 13342 (EXDIS), 11/7.) KISSINGER

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